

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 1  
SECOND QUARTER 2002  
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard,  
St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 1 during second quarter 2002 was 602,555, an increase of 1.1% from the first quarter 2002, and a decrease of 1.9% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 15 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 16.4% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, second quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 13. Health care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 1 with 78,571 employees, or 13% of total employment. Orleans was the leading parish with 256,897 employees, or 42.6% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.5% from the same period in 2001, and decreased 1.5% from the first quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$603.74. St. Charles parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$806.97.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 1 is listed in the table below. Average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 1" beginning on page 16.

| Parish               | Avg. Wkly. Wage |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Jefferson            | \$ 567.45       |
| Orleans              | 637.79          |
| Plaquemines          | 703.69          |
| St. Bernard          | 500.70          |
| St. Charles          | 806.97          |
| St. James            | 685.26          |
| St. John the Baptist | 651.38          |
| St. Tammany          | 499.01          |

The number of reporting units in RLMA 1 for second quarter 2002 was 36,043.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

